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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNGA

SUBJECT: RESUMED 31ST UNGA

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OPENING OF THE REGULAR 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 20.
A SEPTEMBER SESSION MAKES SENSE IN TERMS OF LOGISTICS,
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